

REMARKS

These remarks are submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

The office action noted that claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 14, 17 and 18 were allowable and that claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 112. Claim 6 has been amended and thus Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

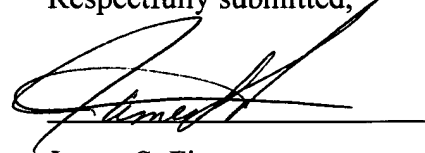
CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejections have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the following number: 202-607-4607.

The USPTO is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 502697 any fees associated with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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